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SUBJECT: RECIPROCAL ELIMINATION OF TRAVEL CONTROLS

REFS: (A) SOFIA 665; (B) SOFIA 528, (C) SOFIA 236,(D)SOFIA
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3. DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER U.S. NOTE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES, WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL ANSWER BULGARIAN CONCERNS:

QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE MINISTRY THAT EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF THIS NOTE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS TERMINATED THE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS OUTLINED IN THE NOTES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DATED JULY 27, 1967 AND AUGUST 15, 1967, AS THEY APPLY TO BULGARIAN DIPLOMATS AND STAFF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO BULGARIAN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

AS OF THE DATE OF TERMINATION OF THESE RESTRICTIONS, THERE IS NO IMPEDIMENT TO THE TRAVEL IN THE U.S. OF EMPLOYEES OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND OTHER OFFICES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE TERMINATION OF UNITED STATES CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS FOR BULGARIAN DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PERSONNEL IS BASED UPON THE ASSURANCES GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA THAT IT HAS CONSENTED TO THE REMOVAL OF CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS IN BULGARIA APPLIED SOLELY TO U.S. DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PERSONNEL ACCREDITED TO BULGARIA. THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF THE MINISTRY'S NOTE NUMBER, 52098, DATED MARCH 29, 1968. AS OF THE DATE OF THE REMOVAL OF THESE RESTRICTIONS, THE TRAVEL OF EMPLOYEES OF THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS DETERMINED BY CIRCULARS, NOTES NUMBERS 66809, DATED OCTOBER 6, 1964; 6680 (SIC), DATED NOVEMBER 5, 1964; 52138, DATED MARCH 28, 1968; AND 52487, DATED MAY 28, 1970, WHICH ARE VALID FOR ALL

MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA.

THIS ACTION CONCERNING THE LONG-STANDING PROBLEM OF RESTRICTED AREAS IS REGARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AS A STEP RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE AND AS A FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT IN UNITED STATES-BULGARIAN RELATIONS.

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